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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of )  
Arnim B. Jebe, et al. ) Examiner: Hwei S. C. Payer  
for: PIVOTING SHARPENING DEVICE )  
FOR PENCIL WITH NON-CIRCULAR ) Group Art Unit: 3724  
CROSS SECTION )  
Serial No.: 10/611,603 )  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.